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Mr. Lon Thomas American Stone, Inc. 4040 South 300 West Salt Lake City, UT 84107

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Dear Mr. Thomas:

On September 4, 2002, we received your request to purchase mineral materials from the Browns Canyon Community Pit located in the SE½NW¼ of Section 20.T. 1.S. Raste. In your letter, you indicate that you propose to mine dolomite which would be crushed and sold as an aggregate for road construction, etc. In your letter, you state that an Environmental Assessment (EA) would not be required for your proposed mining activities. Although the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) does not own the surface estate in the subject lands, there are "Federal interests" involved and we must prepare an EA before your proposed mining extraction activities can proceed.

At the present time, the Salt Lake Field Office does not have any active sand and gravel or aggregate pits in Summit County or in the surrounding area to use to determine a value for the mineral materials you propose to mine. Because your proposed operation would entail mining and crushing material from bedrock, the following values may not reflect the true value of the subject mineral materials. The Salt Lake Field Office currently sells pit run sand and gravel in Tooele County for \$0.40 per cubic yard (25¢ per ton) and in Box Elder County for \$0.46 per cubic yard (28½¢ per ton). Until a formal appraisal is completed, we anticipate that the negotiated initial value of the crushed dolomite would fall somewhere in this range. The true and final value of crushed aggregate may be higher or lower than these rates. If this initial value range is acceptable to you, please let us know and we will proceed with preparation of the EA.

For your information, in your submitted mining plan you indicate that the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) has previously approved the activities you propose to conduct within the Browns Canyon Community Pit. A review of your approved plan with UDOGM indicates that you are only permitted to conduct mining activities south of the community pit area, on lands where the mineral estate is owned by Garff Rogers. In order to prevent any delay in commencing your new operation, we suggest that you contact UDOGM and amend your current mine plan to reflect the new area proposed for mining.

Before the BLM can issue a mineral material sale to American Stone, and as a critical part of the environmental analysis, an archaeological clearance would have to be completed on the mine area and access route(s). Because of present workload constraints in the Salt Lake Field Office and because of the onset of winter weather conditions, we cannot estimate a time when our staff archaeologist could conduct the required clearance. In order to expedite the process, one option

would be for you to acquire the services of an independent archaeologist or archaeological consulting company who may be able to complete the required clearance in a more expeditious manner. We have enclosed a list of archaeologists and consultants acceptable to the BLM for your use. If you have any questions regarding the required cultural survey, please feel free to contact Laird Naylor, Salt Lake Field Office archaeologist, at (801) 977-4357.

In order to begin processing your request for a mineral material sale, please complete the following:

- 1. You must flag the entire perimeter of the area where you propose to conduct mining activities so that resource personnel can locate the project area in the field, and so that an accurate estimate of the acreage can be made using Global Positioning System equipment;
- 2. On your submitted maps, you fail to show how you intend to access the mine site. Please provide a map which shows your proposed route of access and a description of the length and width of the proposed route. The length of the access route(s) must also be flagged;
- 3. Please provide a topographic map or sketch map showing the complete layout of your proposed mining activities within the community pit area. The layout should show the location of topsoil stockpile(s), mine dump(s) and/or waste pile(s), oversize rock piles, the approximate location of crushing and screening equipment, the location of mineral material stockpile(s), etc.;

Please provide the requested information at your earliest convenience. The onset of mining activities or the removal of rock from the subject lands cannot be authorized until we have received the requested information, and the environmental assessment (EA) has been completed. Additional information may be requested at a later time to complete the EA. All subsequent information requests may potentially delay our processing of the permit.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Michael Ford of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

Brad D. Palmer

Assistant Field Office Manager Non-Renewable Resources

Enclosure

cc: D. Wayne Hedberg

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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^{*} This gives current permit holders, but is NOT an exhaustive list of all who could hold permits in Utah. This is provided for INFORMATION ONLY and does not represent an endorsement or license for consulting work from BLM.

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